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In the event that, subsequent to the execution of this Terminal Disclaimer, the term of any patent granted on Application No. 10/773,758 is shortened due to one of the following occurrences: expiration for failure to pay a maintenance fee, a holding of unenforceability, a finding of invalidity by a court of competent jurisdiction, a statutory disclaimer in whole or a terminal disclaimer under 37 CFR §1.321, the cancellation of all claims by a reexamination certificate, a reissue, or any termination prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, there is no intent in the present disclaimer to disclaim a terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application as a result of such occurrence.

The undersigned certifies that the assignee of the instant application is indeed the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in both the instant patent application and each of the issued patents. The undersigned has reviewed all documents in the chain of title of both the instant patent application and Application No. 10/773,758, and certifies that, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title to Application No. 10/773,758 is in the assignee of the instant application.

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